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SUBJECT: ESCAP MEETING ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

1. PLEASE PASS URGENTLY TO US DELEGATE RICHARD SEIFMAN,
FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS ON U.S. ACTIVITIES ON FOLLOW-UP
TO HABITAT:

A. A NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTER CALLED THE HABITAT
NATIONAL CENTER WAS ESTABLISHED IN WASHINGTON UNDER THE
SPONSORSHIP OF SEVERAL DOMESTIC AGENCIES. THE CENTER
STIMULATED INTEREST IN HABITAT AMONG PROFESSIONAL GROUPS,
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, PUBLIC INTEREST GROUPS. FOLLOWING
HABITAT THE CENTER DISSEMINATED INFORMATION ON HABITAT AND
WORKED WITH NUMEROUS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND
COMMUNITY GROUPS WHICH HAVE CONDUCTED CONFERENCES AND
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SYMPOSIUMS ON THE HABITAT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NATIONAL ACTION.

B. A CONSORTIUM OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES CONCERNED WITH
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ARE SURVEYING PRACTITIONERS
AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL OF PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING HABITAT
RECOMMENDATIONS LOCALLY.

C. THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON HAS TAKEN SERIOUSLY THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING NATIONAL HUMAN SETTLEMENTS POLICY. THIS WAS A MAJOR RECOMMENDATION OF HABITAT AND PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ASSIGNED THE TASK TO A GROUP OF CABINET OFFICERS HEADED BY THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

D. HABITAT FILMS FROM MANY NATIONS ARE WIDELY SHOWN IN THE U.S. AND A COMPOSITE FILM USING PIECES OF VARIOUS HABITAT FILMS HAS BEEN SHOWN FREQUENTLY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY ON TELEVISION.

E. HABITAT RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN USED AS THE BASIS OF TOWN MEETINGS IN VERMONT, AND THE MODEL DEVELOPED THERE IS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. CHRISTOPHER

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